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NANCY LORD IN MICHIGAN JANUARY 14 - 16

Dr. Nancy Lord, the Libertarian Party candidate for Vice-President will be in Michigan January 14 - 16, 1992. Nancy will speak at the Justice Pro Se meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 1992 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave., (west of Greenfield) in Dearborn.

This is Dr. Lord's second campaign visit to Michigan. During her first visit on October 23 - 26, 1991 she spoke at Henry Ford Community College, U of M Ann Arbor, U of M Dearborn, and at events in Dearborn, Livonia, Ann Arbor, Northville, and Lansing. She got coverage in six newspapers. Fundraising during Nancy's visit totaled \$1820 which was split with the LPM.

If you have any ideas for events during Nancy's visit please call Bill Shotey at 313-278-3673.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE BEGINS

Dues notices have been sent to all current and former members of the Libertarian Party of Michigan. All memberships expire in February. By renewing early, you will save administrative expenses, and provide needed working capital. Those wishing to be both Michigan and National members save \$15 by joining the National through Michigan. The motto for this year's drive is "Don't Delay - Renew Today". Membership Chair, Bill Shotey is leading this important effort.

ANDRE MARROU MAKES CAMPAIGN VISIT TO MICHIGAN

Andre Marrou, the Libertarian Party Presidential Nominee made stops in Grand Rapids on Thursday, December 5, and Lansing on Friday, December 6. On Saturday, December 7 he was in Dearborn taping two interviews for the Russ Gibb show.

SHOULD GUN OWNERS VOTE LIBERTARIAN?

by Jack McHugh for publication in "Guns and Ammo" magazine

The 1992 presidential campaign is fast approaching, and a string of horrendous legislative defeats is leading gun owners to consider a strategy that we have previously avoided. The Libertarian Party is the third largest political party. It is the only party that unequivocally supports the right to keep and bear arms. For several good reasons gun rights organizations have not endorsed Libertarians in the past. Let's take a look at those reasons and see if they still hold up.

"I don't want to waste my vote." The Libertarian Party has been a very marginal entity in presidential politics. Given the predominance of mass media in the process, and the Libertarian's lack of big money, the party has had a hard time even showing up on the radar screen.

In a year when there is some doubt as to the outcome of the election, and where there is some distinguishable difference between the major party candidates, reluctance to step aside from the big race is understandable.

1992 is not one of those years. Because the President's handling of various international crises, and the absolute dearth of new ideas among the Democrats, this year's contest is likely to be a cakewalk for the GOP. You don't have to worry about some crypto-socialist gun grabber sneaking into the White House while your not looking.

Libertarians have no better chance of toppling George Bush than the Democrats, but they do have a good chance of actually crossing the threshold of visibility. By attaining a mere 5% of the votes in 1992, they will qualify for federal matching funds in the next election. This would finally allow the third party to bring it's ideas, including it's pro-gun policies, to the full attention of the American public.

If you vote Democrat or Republican for president in 1992 you probably will be throwing your vote away. If a few million gun owners vote Libertarian, we may see the coming of age of an exciting alternative.

"The Libertarians have some ideas that I don't necessarily agree with." Everyone is a little bit libertarian. Republicans are on economics, Democrats are on some social issues.

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FROM THE CHAIR - DALE B. DOBBERSTEIN

1991 is about over. How will it be recorded in the history books? It can be summed by the bipartisan collusion which continues the trend toward greater control over the peoples Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness.

Liberals claim money is the root of all evil, and therefore must impose socialism and political correctness.

Conservatives claim humanity is inherently evil, and therefore must impose moralism and the New World Order.

George Bush is so out of touch with reality that he tells the people to just vote for who? Also he tells the people to just buy a home and car with what? If he were to open his eyes the other 1000 points of light would be revealed, the victims of government. His vacation home which was destroyed by a storm will be restored at taxpayers expense. This man is quite a contrast from the first George who led a revolution against an oppressive government to give birth to America.

The LP advocates the goals and objectives the two major parties claim such as clean environment, quality education, effective law enforcement, thriving economy, and available health care. However, the LP does not support their methods.

The problem the LP proclaims: government is the greatest barrier to peace and prosperity.

The solution the LP proclaims is: government's wall between the people and freedom must fall.

May REAL Libertarians step up to the challenge and AIM92.

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GUN OWNERS SHOULD VOTE LIBERTARIAN

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Only one party is libertarian about gun rights - the Libertarian Party.

You don't agree with every plank in the platform of the major parties, but you take a deep breath and vote for one of them anyway. To be successful a party has to encompass some widely different points of view. The idea is to agree to disagree on some issues, so that you can work together to make a difference on larger issues.

"Libertarians favor legalizing drugs." One of the most dangerous ideas to creep into American politics is the notion that everything that is immoral should be illegal, and if you don't favor making something illegal you must think it's moral. Libertarians agree with the major parties that drugs are dangerous and immoral. They merely disagree over the best way to control them.

The greatest threat to the Bill of Rights, including the Second Amendment, is not drugs. It is the war on drugs. Every new gun control measure is promoted as an important tool in the war on drugs.

Do you feel safer than you did ten years ago when this drug hysteria began? Do you personally avoid drugs only because they are against the law? Is the only thing preventing your kids from becoming drug addicts the presence of a massive criminal justice bureaucracy? Of course not! Good families produce good drug-free kids, without any help from an increasingly intrusive government.

Like gun crime, hardcore drug abuse is a social problem brought about by hopelessness and the breakdown of the family among certain specific socioeconomic groups. Like gun crime, drug abuse will not be reduced by passing more laws. Like gun crime, hardcore drug abuse among a small minority is being used by the majority to diminish the rights of all Americans.

"If our side votes Libertarian we won't have any influence on the parties that are actually running things." Most of the above applies to presidential politics only. There are a handful of close congressional races between Democrats and Republicans where we must work hard to support the candidate who promises to support us.. But if neither candidate supports us, why should we support them?

Our endorsement of George Bush in 1988 doesn't seem to have done us much good. Republicans increasingly assume we will vote for them no matter how badly they treat us, because the other guy would be even worse. Sometimes sitting on your hands can be the most effective strategy in politics. "OK, Mr. Candidate, go win your race without us. We won't vote for the other guy, but that doesn't mean we'll vote for you."

A better strategy is to support a third party. That way your vote gets counted. Politicians know that in a close congressional race, a few thousand gun owners throwing their votes to the Libertarians can swing the election. When they can't take use for granted, the parties are more likely to pay attention to what we have to say.

At a time when freedom is breaking out all over the world, liberty at home is in greater peril than ever. The two major parties are quite content to continue giving government more power and individuals less. Record numbers of Americans will not vote because they honestly don't think it matters. When the choice is limited to Democrat vs. Republican, they're probably right. But if enough of us make a statement by giving the nod to a third party, we can make a difference. Gun owners who genuinely want their vote to count should consider voting Libertarian.

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Ed Clark

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Every Thursday Night - 6:30pm

Washtenaw Libertarians Dinner Meeting
Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe, Ann Arbor
contact James Hudler at 313-475-9792.

Monthly

Metro-Detroit Libertarians hold supper club meetings in the Tri-County area. Contact Sue Brian at 313-542-9230.

Monthly

Justice Pro Se meets at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, Dearborn, and other Southeast Michigan locations. Contact Lee Nowel 313-581-5516 for more information.

December 19, 1991 - 6:30pm

Washtenaw Libertarians Dinner Meeting
Dominick's Restaurant, 812 Monroe, Ann Arbor
State Rep. Margaret O'Connor

April 4, 1992

International Drug Policy Day
For more information contact: Bruce Cain
New Age Patriot Newsletter,
PO BOX 419
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
313-563-3192

April 10-12, 1992

Libertarian Party of Michigan Nominating Convention, Ramada Inn, Ann Arbor (near Briarwood).

June 5-7, 1992

Ohio Libertarian Party Convention, Portside Hotel, Toledo.

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